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Gov. Dewey, Do You Remember These Men?



Wouldn't you like to forget these men, Mr. Dewey?

They were in fox-holes in 1944 when you knifed the federal ballot for GIs.

You in Albany, Taft and the other Republican leaders in Washington, were afraid of the soldier vote.

After killing the federal ballot, you and your Republican majority in the state legislature beat down the proposal to extend the deadline for receipt of soldier ballots from Nov. 3 to Nov. 30.

Would you like the ex-GIs to remember the crack your chairman of the State Ballot Commission, William T. Simpson, made in '44? He said the men in the armed forces aren't interested in voting anyway.

Would you like them to remember that your attorney general, Nathaniel Goldstein, ruled against counting the soldiers' votes which came in on federal ballots? The GIs and their families will not forget.

To oust Dewey on Nov. 5, New York citizens must register this week. **DO NOT DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!**

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WORLD EVENTS

DeGaulle Challenges French Democracy

By John Pittman

PARIS, Oct. 2 (By Airmail).—French political parties this week began campaigns for and against the new Constitution which was completed at the weekend by the Constituent Assembly.

If approved by the French electorate on Oct. 13, the new constitution will usher in the Fourth Republic and help to stabilize a fluid, complicated and dangerous situation.

Approval will mean a decisive setback for General Charles de Gaulle and the most implacable forces of French reaction, which include collaborators and Vichyites, the trusts and remnants of the 200 families, and a gang of adventurers and underworld elements.

Acceptance of the draft Constitution will also be a setback for international reaction, inasmuch as DeGaulle, in a speech at Epinal last Sunday, abandoned his long-time pretense of devotion to French interests alone, and advocated an alignment with the Anglo-American bloc against the Soviet Union.

"The great gathering of the Slavs confronts the proud young democracy of the United States," the General declared, in a none too subtle bid for support from Washington.

VOTE OF 440 TO 106

The new draft Constitution was adopted after weeks of support and long days of oratory, often vituperative, by a vote of 440 to 106. The Radical Socialists and other rightist groups opposed it.

It represented the work of the three major parties—Popular Republicans, Socialists and Communists—who reached agreement after many compromises, but, as all three parties will contend in their campaign, in the course of

thoroughly democratic processes.

Among the new Constitution's progressive aspects is its provisions for a French federal union which will extend home rule to the colonial peoples.

This provision encountered bitter opposition from DeGaulle and the Right, who claimed it would weaken France's position in the family of nations. But the combined strength of the Communists and Socialists, plus the votes of the deputies from the colonies, saved it for the referendum.

The new Constitution also vests ultimate power in the electorate through giving the National Assembly, which is subject to the electorate directly, the major weight in policy-making. The National Assembly will be the upper house.

A lower house, or Council of the Republic, will be elected by selected electors, including mayors, administrators and other public officials. It will have only advisory powers of suggesting legislative changes to the National Assembly. Such suggestions will not be mandatory.

DEGAULLE'S ATTACK

The President of the Republic will be elected by a joint session of both houses. He will not have veto power over acts of the National Assembly.

General DeGaulle's attack on the Constitution was couched in defensive language. He began by disclaiming any dictatorial intentions.

Then he argued that the concentration of power in the hands of a single assembly would "lead to anarchy followed by the tyranny of one man or a group of men or one party or a group of parties."



DE GAULLE
Challenges Democracy

It would be premature at this time to attempt to predict the outcome of the referendum. By authoritative observers on the Left, De Gaulle is believed to have "committed political suicide." His appeal for a French alignment on the side of the United States against the Soviet Union is regarded as the hara-kiri knife.

On the other hand, a recent poll of public opinion here indicated that De Gaulle retains a large following. This, in view of the possible defection of part of the Socialist Party and a predicted split of the Popular Republicans (MRP), leaves no place for over-confidence.

It is recalled that the referen-

dum of last May 5, when 9,323,709 votes were cast for the draft constitution and 10,522,498 against, witnessed a large section of the democratically-minded peasantry and urban petty-bourgeoisie voting together with the fascist Republican Party of Freedom, the Radical Socialists and the Popular Republicans.

Already the same tactics used by reaction to defeat the Constitution last May have been brought into the campaign. Reaction is attempting to frighten all sections of the population with the ancient bogey of a Communist Party dictatorship. Former Premier Paul Reynaud, who handed over the reins of government to Petain, gave the cue for tactics of the Right with his comment: "Frenchmen will now choose between De Gaulle and Thorez."

MODERATE REACTION

The Communist reaction to the De Gaulle speech has been moderate and restrained.

"We are surprised," said Maurice Thorez, Communist secretary-general, "to see Gen. De Gaulle taking a line opposed to the principles of democracy."

"An offensive has been launched against the forces of democracy," warned Jacques Duclos, and apparently this is the view shared by many non-Communist leaders, including even a Catholic organ which formerly supported De Gaulle, but which now sees his movement as a threat to democracy.

Press reaction has reflected widespread antagonism against De Gaulle, with only the extreme Right newspapers supporting him. Even the former De Gaulle organ Le Monde, has accused the general of attacking democratic institutions.

Soviet Embassy Protest Envoy's Treatment

The Soviet embassy has protested to the U. S. State Department that Ambassador Nikolai Novikov was treated discourteously by customs inspectors when he arrived here last Friday.

The protest coincided with a revelation that 17 Soviet, Czechoslovak, Bulgarian and Polish fraternal delegates to the recent American Slav Congress had been asked by the Department of Justice to register as foreign agents.

Customs officials were said to have detained the Soviet Ambassador almost an hour and to have attempted to make him sign a declaration his baggage contained nothing illegal. This is contrary to approved international procedure where high diplomats are concerned.

The State Department began investigating the Soviet complaint which was denied by customs officials.



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BRIEFS
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FIVE U. S. WARSHIPS are scheduled to visit Chile for the Presidential inauguration on Nov. 4, and the Chilean Communist newspaper El Siglo charged this is intended to "intervene directly in our affairs as England has done in Greece." El Siglo warned that "certain reactionary groups wish to rise up against the citizenry's verdict of Sept. 4" (50,000 plurality for progressive coalition candidate Gabriel Gonzalez Videla). Chile's Congress will meet on Oct. 24 to decide who will be President, as Videla's majority was not absolute.

DENAZIFICATION BOARDS in American-occupied Bavaria are whitewashing Nazi wholesale, according to Alois Hengl, public prosecutor of Munich Denazification Board No. 8.

RICE IMPORTS to the Philippines have virtually ceased, although need is enormous, Severiano Concepcion, director of the Philippine Department of the Arnold Export-Import Corp., asserted. He laid blame on the UN International Food Control Board, which limits Philippine purchases to the U. S., Siam, Ecuador and Burma, although Brazil has rice to sell at lower prices.

BRITISH ARMS have been requested by the Greek royalist government "to deal with the present serious situation," a London Foreign Office spokesman said. No decision has been reached—but with British arms and planes (many of them American lend-lease) at present on hand, the government continues an extermination drive against anti-fascist peasants in many areas of Greece.

SOVIET JUSTICE is hard on those who monkey with the people's food. The leader of a raton stamp counterfeiting gang was sentenced to be shot; two main accomplices were sent to prison for eight and ten years.

Army to Send Bomber Fleet Around World to 'Test Power'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The Army plans to send a flight of B-29 bombers around the world the next few weeks to test their long-range striking-power, Assistant Secretary of War for Air W. Stuart Symington announced today.

Symington also revealed the Army Air Forces have been given full control of this country's guided missile development, a military field of top importance.

In announcing the USAAF's

globe-girdling plans, he said final decision hinges on the State Department's approval. He appeared confident, however, that the State Department, which has sent American warships cruising in the eastern Mediterranean to back up its "get tough with Russia" foreign policy, would give the go-ahead.

A department spokesman was asked if the B-29 could be considered an arm of American foreign policy, as the Navy is regarded.

"Well," he said, "I would like to think we would be considered an instrument of that policy."

A reporter asked if the flight would increase present international tension.

"This flight will compare with around-the-world voyages made in earlier days by the American fleet," he added.

Symington said present plans call for a force of eight to 24 Superforts on the global hop.

The ATC route from Washington covers Bermuda, the Azores, Casablanca, Cairo, Tunisia, Abadan, Karachi, Calcutta, Kummung, Manila, Guam, Kwajalein, Johnston Island, Honolulu and San Francisco.

The primary purpose of the flight, he said, is to work out technical problems involved in moving a large group of heavy bombers over long distances, including questions of communications, organization and logistics.

The air force, he stated, intends to train and maintain a bomber force capable of carrying out assignments anywhere in the world.

Symington also linked the demonstration with the non-stop flight across the north Polar area from Honolulu to Cairo made by the Army B-29 "Pacusan Dreamboat" last week.

The B-29s are the world's largest operational bombers and to date are regarded as the best potential atom bomb carriers.

USSR Drops Taxes On Low-Income Groups

The Soviet Union yesterday dropped taxation of lower-income brackets. Any persons whose monthly earnings were more than 150 rubles was subject to taxation during the war; now all are exempted who make less than 260 rubles per month.

U.S. Slav Congress Scores Taft's Plea for Nazi Criminals

Senator Taft's mercy plea for convicted Nazi war criminals "profoundly shocks millions of Americans of Slavic descent who hailed the death sentence as just retribution for ugly crimes against humanity," the American Slav Congress declared yesterday.

"His outrageous regret over the verdict undoubtedly represents the views of all reactionary American apologists for fascism and demonstrates clearly that the acquittal of Schacht, von Papen and Fritzsche encourages revival of fascist appeasement," the statement said.

"The Taft statement is a cruel insult to the memory of millions of Slavs and Americans who died in the war against Nazism and whose lost lives claim justice in retribution for their murders."

The statement was signed by Leo Krzycki, president, and George Pirinsky, executive secretary.

TAFT'S LINE of criticism against the Nuernberg death verdicts was echoed in Madrid by leading Falangist writer Gomez Aparicio.

BRITISH-ZIONIST conversations resumed in London.

Molotov to Talk On Italy Today

Final debate on the Italian Peace Treaty was under way in Paris yesterday, with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov expected to speak today for the first time since his return from Moscow.

Britain's Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, like U. S. Sen. Tom Connally Monday, took pains to deny Soviet charges that Britain seeks to establish a military base in Trieste.

Czechoslovak delegate Juraj Slavik supported Yugoslavia's claims to the Istrian peninsula and Trieste. Yugoslav Vice-Premier Edward Kardelj accused United States and Britain of insincerity in peacemaking, of scheming in imperialist international politics and of deliberately splitting the conference to impose their will on a minority. He repeated that Yugoslavia would not sign the Italian Treaty as it stands.

UNION RECOGNITION was demanded by 500 strikers at London's luxurious Savoy Hotel.

LABOR and the NATION

Mead Pledges New Freeport Probe



Harriman Sworn In: Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson (right) of the U.S. Supreme Court, who took the oath recently himself, does the honors for another Wall Street selection for high office, W. Averell Harriman, who succeeded Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce. Attorney General Tom Clark looks on.

Senator James M. Mead has promised a "new and fair, thorough and impartial investigation of the Freeport tragedy" if elected Governor, the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport disclosed yesterday. The pledge was made in a letter to Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the committee.

The statement reads: "I fully agree with you that the problem presented by lawless acts of violence against the Negro people, sometimes under cover of the law, is one of the most acute problems facing this country today.



MEAD

"Because of my deep interest in this problem, immediately upon election as Governor I will cause a new and fair, thorough and impartial investigation of the Freeport tragedy to be made."

This case, in which two Negro brothers, Pfc. Charles Ferguson and Alfonso Ferguson, an ex-serviceman, were slain by Patrolman Joseph Romeika last Feb. 5 in Freeport, L. I., has already become an

issue in the gubernatorial election. Gov. Dewey repeatedly refused to supersede Nassau County District Attorney Gehrig, a Republican bigwig in the case, despite protests by thousands of New York citizens.

Last July, following additional pressure, Dewey appointed a special inquiry committee to white-wash the killing. Homeika still walks his beat scotfree in Freeport, L. I.

Ives Shuns Basic Issues Facing Labor

Assemblyman Irving M. Ives, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, last night evaded all major issues facing American workers in an address designed as a programmatic statement on labor.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's running-mate, who is campaigning against former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Democratic-American Labor candidate, broadcast over statewide networks of the NBC, CBS, Mutual and ABC systems. Ives concentrated his attention on strictly procedural questions of mediation, which, as he himself stated, "have never been challenged by any responsible person or group."

On the main questions facing labor, such as anti-union legislation and the sharp decline in real wages as a result of skyrocketing monopoly prices, Ives did not comment. In fact, Ives' emphasis on blocking strikes was strikingly similar to the position being chorused by the anti-labor press.

Ives was silent on the anti-labor measures that came before the last session of Congress, although he is supporting for reelection the entire Republican congressional slate in this state. The record of N. Y. GOP Congressmen on the measures is as follows:

- Hobbs bill—17 for, two against, three absent.
- Case anti-strike bill—16 for, six against.

Congressmen Probe New Firster Group

Investigation of American Action, Inc., a secret combination of big business leaders, former sponsors of America First and the Liberty League, was started yesterday by the House and Senate campaign expenditures committees.

American Action, Inc., has failed to file a statement of expenditures required quarterly of all political groups operating in more than one state. It is estimated that American Action, Inc., has collected \$750,000 to defeat progressive and pro-labor congressional candidates.

Organized more than a year ago, the existence of this group was made public through a letter of Gen. Robert E. Wood soliciting financial contributions. Wood, former head of the America First Committee, is chairman of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Other leaders of American Action are Upton Close, pro-fascist radio commentator; Robert M. Harris, Queens Coughlinite, and Merwin K. Hart, of the National Economic Council. Hart has been a leading sponsor of Franco propaganda in America.

The big money behind the secret organization reportedly includes Joseph Pew, oil magnate; Ernest T. Weir, steel trust operator; Lamont duPont and Col. Robert McCormick, Chicago Tribune publisher.

Businessmen were informed that Capt. Edward A. Hayes, of Chicago, past commander of the American Legion, was in charge of organization in half a dozen states.

Combining big business and fascist propagandists, American Action is seeking to insure the election of a reactionary Congress in November. The most rabid supporters of a "get tough with Russia" policy are involved in the plot. Anti-Semitism, opposition to trade unions, and hatred for the late President Roosevelt established a spiritual kinship among the leaders of American Action!

City Council Demands U.S. Gov't Seize Meat

New demands for government seizure of cattle and meat hoards were made yesterday by the New York City Council, the CIO Packinghouse Workers and Sen. Theodore Green (D-RI). By 19-2, the Council passed a Democratic-sponsored resolution urging President

Truman to declare a state of emergency in order to seize live cattle and temporarily remove all restrictions on import of South American meat.

The Council also passed an amendment sponsored by Councilman Stanley Isaacs (R-Man) asking that the President and Congress also consider the restoration of meat rationing.

Two Queens councilmen voted against the amended resolution—Alfred J. Phillips, Republican, and Hugh Quinn, Democrat.

Michael Quill, (ALP - Bronx), president of the CIO Transport Workers, criticized the resolution as "not strong enough."

"This is a conspiracy," he warned. "The people are being held for ransom by the cattle barons of America. . . ."

The Packinghouse Workers announced they would send representatives to Washington Friday to ask President Truman to reinstitute meat allocation.

Sen. Green accused the meat industry of creating a famine which it hopes will break the OPA. He urged the government to use its authority to seize meat stocks and "punish any who are guilty of a crime against society."

The War Department announced it was negotiating with Great Britain for a loan of 20,000,000 pounds of beef for the armed forces abroad to be repaid, pound for pound, before Feb. 28, 1947. The meat will probably be Argentine.

ALL TIME LOW

Local supplies in the city yesterday fell to an all time low, with prices reaching even higher black market levels. The OPA here re-

ported only one-fourth of the city's butcher shops had any meat.

The OPA Beef Industry Advisory Committee yesterday voted 11 to 1 to petition Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson for removal of price controls.

A spokesman for OPA reported the agency plans to announce on Friday restoration of its "fair distribution" order. While the order aids distribution it in no way gets meat out of the ranches and feedlots.

The CIO delegation to Washington will be headed by Chicago Congressmen Martin Gorski, William L. Dawson and William A. Rowan.

Ralph Helstein, president of the Packinghouse union will lead the unionists who include Harold Garno, New York State CIO secretary; Esther Peterson of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Meyer Stern, head of district 6, CIO packinghouse. The city CIO executive board has called upon local unions to send representatives.

The Justice Department will be asked by the delegation to prosecute those guilty of deliberate interruption of production.

Reconversion Director John R. Steelman warned the breakdown in livestock slaughtering threatens a serious shortage in shoe leather.

PITTSBURGH STRIKE DEADLOCKED AS COMPANY REFUSES UNION'S OFFER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 8.—The power strike is deadlocked as the Duquesne Light Co. refused a new offer made by the utility workers union. Assisted by the local press and radio stations, the company and its reactionary friends hope for a split within the ranks of the strikers and a back-to-work movement.

Thus far, all publicized "rebellions" have proved to be only wishful thinking of Scripps-Howard and Hearst editorial writers.

The union cut its original 30 demands to be solved by negotiation to 11. The utility workers propose to submit the remaining 19 demands to arbitration. They also lowered their demands on the following issues: construction department, paid holidays, vacations, separation payments. The company

rejected the new offer.

Among the 11 issues the union wants negotiated are:

1. Construction department: The union is opposed to its liquidation but is willing to agree to limit the number of workers to 200. The company wants to lay off all construction workers.
2. A union shop agreement.
3. Either a master contract for all units or nine separate but uniform contracts. The company is opposed to both.
4. A 20 percent wage increase.
5. Four more paid holidays.
6. The same pension plan in effect in 1933 when pensioned workers received 75 percent of their average earnings.
7. Separation payments.
8. Time and a half for Saturday work, and double time for Sunday and holiday work.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 8.—Chairman Roy Hudson of the Western Pennsylvania Communist Party today charged "the two-week sitdown strike of the Duquesne Light Co. against the people of Pittsburgh has

two objectives—to defeat the utility workers and to help elect the reactionary Republican slate headed by Gov. Martin."

Blasting an editorial in the Pittsburgh Press, which attempted to twist the facts into placing blame for the prolonged power tie-up on Sen. Joseph E. Guffey (D-Pa.), Hudson declared that a paper pretending interest in the public welfare should ask: "Why doesn't the Duquesne Light Co. make a serious reply to the demands of the utility workers?"

Revealing the alliance between Pittsburgh newspapers and the GOP slate, the party chairman asserted the "conclusion is inescapable" that a "conspiracy exists to use the strike to help elect Gov. Martin and the rest of his reactionary slate."

Hudson disclosed Martin backers are in control of the power company and the daily newspapers and are members of the strikebreaking citizens committee.

"It explains why," he emphasized, "John L. Lewis petitions for ar-

Local 65 Wins Strike At Clothes Warehouse

Settlement of a six-day strike against the Dadourian Export Co. was announced by the CIO Wholesale & Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65, following the signing yesterday of a closed shop contract covering the 200 employees of the wholesale clothing distributors.

The contract provides for wage increases ranging from \$8 to \$12 per week for all employees; the Local 65 group insurance plan, financed by employer contributions at the rate of 3 percent of the weekly payroll and vacations of one week and two weeks.

tions Board at this time with complete indifference to its effect on the unity of the strikers or the work of the Joint Labor Committee aimed at speeding a settlement of the strike."

Pointing to newspaper endorsement of the company's refusal to make any new proposals to the strikers, Hudson emphasized that it was necessary to "stand united against Gov. Martin and other candidates of the monopolies on election day. This is the way to return electricity to Pittsburgh and to guarantee a people's victory in the elections."

Taft's Dilemma

By Alan Max

Senator Taft doesn't know these days what to shout first: "Free enterprise" or "Free Goering!"

NEW YORK



Building Service Workers Build Fire Under Dewey

Governor Dewey's policy of hamstringing unions and freezing low wages is coming home to roost with a heavy registration of members of the AFL Building Service Employees Union who are out to beat him on Election Day. A Building Service for Mead and Lehman

Committee was set up at Room 2309, 450 Seventh Ave. The committee issued a call printed in 50,000 copies, reminding building service workers that it was Dewey's appointed arbitrator, Judge George Frankenthaler, who handed down the "no-strike, no-wage-increase" contract under which they are now oppressed.

Accompanying the appeal is a picture of Dewey passing a picket line of Hotel Front Service Workers, Local 144, on a past occasion.

10-YEAR SENTENCE

Building service workers, members of Local 32-B, are still working under wage scales of 1944, which the Frankenthaler 10-year agreement froze, with no wage reopening possible until April 20, 1947.

Scales for 40 to 51 hours a week range from \$28.60 to a top of \$36.98—the latter for very few workers.

Dewey cracked down against 32-B members when they were on strike a year ago. President David Sullivan of the union welcomed his arbitration ultimatum without permission from the membership. The award was arbitrarily imposed upon the membership.

"No, Mr. Dewey, the rank and file of 32-B does not take orders on how to vote," declares the appeal to the union's members. "No, Mr. Dewey, you will never get another chance to break our strike for the real estate interests. No, Mr. Dewey, we don't vote for people who cross picket lines. No, Mr. Dewey, you are no friend of labor."

"Dewey," continued the leaflet, "didn't let you vote on your last contract; but he can stop you from voting against his new contract."

The committee warns, however, that "you can't do anything about it unless you register."

"Your families can't show their anger with your two-year freeze unless you register."

The "BIG SIX" of the AFL International Typographical Union has asked for a raise of \$1.19 an hour and other improvements for 4,000 New York printers after the old contract expires Dec. 15.

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State chairman Hyman Blumberg of the American Labor Party today charged Governor Dewey "has deliberately blocked urgently needed action to establish a State system

of medical care and health insurance through his device of setting up Commission after Commission for endless 'study' of the subject."

Mr. Blumberg's statement continued:

"Dewey's record on the vital issue of the people's health shows that in each year since he took office as Governor, he regularly approved a bill to continue a so-called temporary Commission created to formulate a long range State health

program, and approved an appropriation for this purpose.

"On April 1, 1943, he continued this Commission to April, 1944, and approved an appropriation of \$75,000.

"The following year, on March 29, 1944, Dewey approved a bill to create a temporary Commission to study a program for medical care of persons in the State and approved an appropriation of \$40,000.

"The following year on March 24, 1945, Dewey approved a bill to continue the temporary Commission to March 31, 1946 and approved an appropriation of \$40,000.

"Finally, in 1946, Dewey once again repeated his meaningless performance by approving a bill to continue the temporary Commission to March 31, 1947 and approved an appropriation of \$35,000.

"After 15 months study, his Health Commission, early in 1946, brought back a report which contained no final plan but consisted of a plea for further time to 'study' the whole question."

"The net result of Dewey's endless 'study' is an expenditure of \$190,000 of the people's money, spent without any concrete action for the people's benefit."

Fur Union Raps 'Forward' Lies

The Forward, Jewish language daily organ of David Dubinsky's forces, was rapped yesterday for its lies and union-splitting role in a statement issued by leaders of the Furriers Joint Council and distributed to the membership.

The statement, signed by Manager Irving Potash and Assistant Manager Joseph Winogradsky of the council, was in reply to a front-page Forward story headlined "Communist union leaders raise dues of fur workers despite majority opposition."

The fact is that "all the five local meetings (of the council) favored an increase in dues by an overwhelming majority," the union's statement notes.

"The fur workers know that, while there were differences on the question of whether the dues should be \$3.50 per month or two categories of \$3.50 and \$4 per month, there was hardly any opposition to raising of dues," they added.

"Every fur worker knows this story was completely manufactured in the Forward Building out of the cynical and crooked imagination of a stupid enemy of the fur workers and our union," the statement continued. "And it took them 10 days to do the dirty job."

The council leaders note that similar falsehoods against the fur union become especially prominent in the Forward's pages "every time our union begins to prepare for a new agreement."

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Freeport Case Haunts Gehrig in Caraway Trial

By John Hudson Jones

The Ferguson case of Freeport is haunting James N. Gehrig, Nassau County District Attorney, in his opening statement in the prosecution of Ward Beecher Caraway for the murder of Mrs. Marjorie Logan.

Each talesman questioned by Gehrig is asked, "Do you know anything about the Ferguson case? Do you know Stanley Faulkner? Are you a member of any group or association that grew out of this case?"

Gehrig explains to the talesmen, "Certain groups and associations charged the District Attorney and the Grand Jury with being prejudiced in the handling of the Ferguson case. You wouldn't let this prejudice you against the District Attorney, would you?"

Besides Gehrig's worry about the killing of the Ferguson brothers by a Freeport cop, the opening days of the Caraway case are throwing the spotlight on the vicious influence of the anti-Negro scare headlines and stories about the killing.

Most of the talesmen have been disqualified because of admitted "preconceived and fixed opinions" about Caraway's guilt obtained from reading the daily press.

A Dun & Bradstreet employee "followed the case in the World-

Telegram and decided that the guilty man had been arrested."

"I read all the papers," a news distributor declared, "so I get all kinds of ideas in my head. You got to get ideas in your head if you read those papers."

The Herald Tribune also put a "fixed opinion" into the head of a Wall Street brokerage clerk. He, however, felt he could "forget it and weigh the evidence fairly." Gehrig accepted him but Charles Weeks, court-appointed counsel for Caraway, excused him peremptorily.

The Hempstead Newsday, the New York Sun and the Nassau Review-Star were mentioned by the talesmen as promoting in their minds the opinion that Caraway is guilty.

When the killing took place July 24, most of the daily papers threw it on the front pages with screaming headlines to the effect that a "stareyed Negro" did it. Gehrig took over and personally directed the man-hunt.

BENEFIT SHOW OCT. 18 FOR KIDS OF FREEPORT VICTIM

A All-Star show benefit will be held for the Ferguson Children's Trust Fund at Penthouse-Club 65 at 13 Astor Place Oct. 18 at 9 p.m.

Leading stars will appear. These include Betty Garrett and Larry Winters of Call Me Mister; Gordon Heath of Deep Are the Roots; Muriel Gains and Josephine Premice, Ruben Blue; Nancy Kenyon and

Keneth Spencer of Showboat; Candace Lee; Russel Deville, Station WLIB; Sara Vaughn, Cafe Society; two MC's will be P. J. Sidney and Fred Keating.

The affair is sponsored by the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport. Tickets are \$1.25 in advance and \$1.50 at the door.

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Registration Still Too Low to Defeat Dewey

By Max Gordon

Those who were swept away by the first day's registration figures in New York City had better take out a pencil and do a little calculating. They will find that while the city

turnout indicates the possibility of hitting the total of 2,750,000 registered voters considered necessary to a Dewey defeat, they by no means insure it.

The figures for the first day were 307,992, or 31.8 percent greater than the first day in 1942, the last gubernatorial year.

The percentage increase is, however, entirely deceptive because the early turnout in 1942 was abnormally low.

Thus, only 8 percent of the 2,145,000 who registered altogether in 1942 signed up on the first day of registration week. In 1944, the first day's percentage of the total was 12½ percent, and in 1945 it was 11 percent.

Monday's figure represents 11 percent of the 2,750,000 total needed. It was 30 percent below the first day of 1944. If that same drop below 1944 should continue through the week, the total registration will hit only 2,500,000.

GREATEST RISE

By boroughs, Brooklyn and Queens showed the greatest rise above 1942, but they also showed the greatest decline from 1944. Brooklyn's figure of 107,668 was 31 percent below the 1944 figure, while Queens, with 50,755, was 39 percent of the first day's turnout of two years ago.

Manhattan's registration of 80,126 was only 22 percent below the 1944 figure, while the Bronx, with 64,257, dropped 27 percent below the presidential year.

While the two most prominent Republican districts in the city, Manhattan's 1st and 9th, showed a remarkable increase above last year's mayoralty figures, this is no sign of increased GOP strength. Both districts had exceedingly poor turnouts in 1945 as a result of the bankrupt GOP campaign.

Harlem districts did not do well the first day, particularly those making up the 21st senatorial district, where Charles A. Collins, Negro union leader, is fighting for election to the State Senate. The 11th A. D., which is the overwhelming Negro part of the district, had less than half the number register as came out the first day in 1944.

The turnout in Rep. Vito Marcantonio's East Harlem district was fair, with the overwhelming Italian 16th A. D. showing a drop of less than 20 percent below 1944.

Upstate, the first two registration days last Friday and Saturday, turned out 15 percent more people than in 1942 in the five major cities. The Buffalo increase of 22 percent was much the largest. Registration continues next Friday and Saturday.

At Democratic headquarters, the results of the first day's turnout in

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the city were hailed jubilantly. Sen. James M. Mead said:

"The figures for the first day of registration show a marked trend in favor of our cause. The same thing is revealed in the first two days in upstate cities.

"This registration means only

one thing. It means the voters are aroused about the issues of the campaign and that they are determined to get on record on Nov. 5 against reaction and in favor of forward-looking, progressive government. This is a good omen for us all."

Francis McElroy, Democratic campaign director, called the turnout a "rebuttal to the brazen attempt of the Dewey machine to hold down the vote."

CIO Gimbel Workers Get 43% Raise

Department store wage standards were raised to their highest level yesterday when Gimbel workers, members of CIO Department Store Employees Local 2, were awarded a

Asks US Haven For Europe Jews

President Truman's plea for immediate substantial immigration of homeless Jews to Palestine must be coupled with an offer to let down immigration barriers into the United States, Rep. Vito Marcantonio (NY-ALP) said yesterday.

The Congressman, candidate of the Democratic and American Labor parties for reelection in the 18th Congressional District, backed Truman's action but assailed as "disgraceful" displaced persons camps in the U. S. and British zones of Germany.

Marcantonio also urged that Palestine "be immediately transferred to the United Nations" so that it may become a suitable haven for the homeless European Jews.

East Side Meeting To Hear Salzman

The Communist Party on the East Side is holding a mass meeting Thursday night, at which Rubin Salzman, general secretary of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, will report on the Jewish people in the new Poland.

Salzman has just returned from an extensive journey through Europe.

The meeting is being held in Hennessey Hall, Second St. and Ave. B.

Urge 50,000 in IWO To Get Out the Vote

Dave Greene, executive secretary of the International Workers Order of New York, yesterday called upon the 50,000 IWO members here to exert every effort to guarantee a maximum registration in order to defeat reaction at the polls in November.

\$10 over-all increase with \$7 retroactive to May 1. Amounting to a 43 percent raise, the arbitration award for the 1,761 store employees is expected to influence current negotiations with Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Saks and others.

In addition to setting the highest minimum and average wages in the industry, the award embodied other precedent-making features. A sick leave plan provides that employees shall be paid half their average weekly salaries, not to exceed \$20, with payments starting on the seventh day of illness and retroactive to the third day. Sick leave benefits will run for eight weeks.

A medical plan is to be financed by management, and maternity leaves of absence will be granted for one year without seniority loss plus accrued vacations with pay.

Wage questions may be reopened whenever the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows a rise of 15 percent for all items in New York based on the Sept. 15 index.

Salespeople working on commissions will now receive eight hours pro rata pay instead of the five hours previously paid and vacation pay will be based on average weekly earnings. Part-time workers will also be eligible for pro rata benefits. Severance wages will now be paid all workers leaving the store's employment.

New weekly minimums provide \$26 for beginners, \$28 after 60 days and \$30 after six months.

Anna Blanck, business manager of Local 2, said the award has given impetus to the local's organizing campaign at McCreery's and AS. Bloomingdale's workers, members of Local 3 of the same union, are now asking for raises before Arbitrator Sidney A. Wolff, who also made the award for the Gimbel workers.

Isacson to Speak Over WMCA Tonight

Assemblyman Leo Isacson, ALP candidate for State Assembly in the 13th A. D., Bronx, will speak tonight at 9:05 over WMCA.



Help in Registration: These girls (left to right), Phyllis Kirk, Rita Jackson and Amelle Tice, are helping the Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions in its drive to get the maximum number of New York City voters registered for the Nov. 5 elections.

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Cops Fail to Break CIO Smelter Union Picket Line in Jersey

NEWARK, Oct. 8.—Club-wielding mounted cops today failed to break the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers picket line at the Baker plant of Englehard Industries, Inc. The strike began yesterday (Monday) after two months of fruitless negotiations following the expiration of the old contract on Aug. 3. Although an entry was forced through the 550-man picket line, only a handful of supervisory em-

ployes entered, and they walked out later. The firm had ordered supervisory, technical and clerical workers to assemble at the gates, but these workers turned thumbs down on violence against pickets.

Major demands of the workers at the precious metal processing plant call for an 18½ cents an hour raise, seniority rights and union security.

ATTENTION BROOKLYN COMMUNISTS

Due to an error in computation FLATBUSH was credited with only 80% of its quota in the Fund Drive

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Let's Face It

LABOR DISRUPTION, A WELL-PAID TRADE

By Max Gordon

I HAVE no way of knowing whether Victor Riesel, the New York Post's labor "expert," is guaranteed a salary from the National Association of Manufacturers at least equal to Westbrook Pegler's reputed fabulous intake.

I do know that if Riesel does not have such a guarantee, he is being robbed. For his services to Big Business easily outclass Pegler's.

A reading of business periodicals makes it obvious that the monopolists are preparing a wide and determined counter-offensive to an expected demand from large sections of labor for a "second round" of wage increases to meet the greatly increased cost of living since last spring.

The periodicals also make it plain that these monopolists are counting heavily on the internal struggles in the CIO, instigated by red-baiters against progressive leaderships, to sap the fighting ability of the CIO unions.

To a lesser degree, they are depending on the attacks of the AFL reactionary leaders, based also primarily on red-baiting, against CIO unions.

American big business failed to smash the great and relatively new CIO unions in the "first round" of post-war wage struggles last spring, as they fondly hoped and believed they would do. So now they are banking on the tactic of disruption from within.

ONE WASHINGTON TORY weekly, which does not permit itself to be quoted, bluntly admitted this last week.

As usual, the monopolists can count on the Social Democrats, the Trotskyites and other assorted disruptors to do their dirty work within the labor movement. That is what those groups are primarily there for. Since their red-baiting service needs stepping up now, they have obligingly stepped it up.

Riesel is a leading newspaper spokesman for the Social Democratic wing of the unholy alliance of red-baiting disruptors. Seamen know him as the man who did his worst last spring to smash their wage struggle, which they won finally without a strike. Teamsters know him as the man who gave Mayor O'Dwyer some

free, unsolicited advice on how to break their strike in New York City last month.

For the past few months, he has been whooping it up for anti-Communist lynching bees in CIO unions.

HIS MAIN TACTIC, which he has adopted in common with other red-baiting groups, has been to direct fire at CIO President Philip Murray in order to try to force him to retreat from the position he took at the Steel Workers convention last May on the red-baiting issue.

Murray had a word for Riesel and his kind. It is contained in this paragraph of his convention report:

"As a democratic institution we engage in no purges, no witch-hunts. We do not dictate a man's thoughts or beliefs. Most important of all, we do not permit ourselves to be stampeded into courses of action which create division among our members and sow disunity which is sought by those false prophets and hypocritical advisers from without who mean us no good."

The red-baiters have not given up their campaign or their pressure against CIO president Phil Murray.

TWO THINGS SHOULD be noted about this red-baiting drive from within the CIO.

First, it is, like all red-baiting, directed not only at the Communists. The wage demands of the workingclass are the ultimate target.

Second, the bitter internal strife has tended to hamper labor's mobilization in the crucial congressional and state election campaigns, thereby aiding reaction.

That does not bother Riesel too much. After all, he gets paid well for his column by such arch-reactionary Republican sheets as the Philadelphia Inquirer. They do not pay him for nothing.

Labor ought to take special pains to see to it that Riesel and his crowd do not get away with it. The answer to them ought to be the biggest labor turnout in election activity the nation has ever known.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"They're going to hang—a reprieve has been refused."

AGRICULTURAL SLOVAKIA BEING INDUSTRIALIZED

By Helen Simon

ONCE BACKWARD and almost exclusively agricultural Slovakia is being industrialized at a great rate. Jan Trachta, 32-year-old Communist and editor of the Slovak National Council's organ Narodna Obroda, told us how it's being done.

"For one thing," he began, "whole factories are being moved from the Sudeten area to the poorest regions of Slovakia, where water power is plentiful."

"In the past year or so, we've sent many Slovaks to the Sudeten area for training. The skilled German workers—who will soon be deported to Germany—had to transmit their knowledge to our people."

How about sabotage?

"The Sudetens have mostly been on their good behavior, hoping to be allowed to remain in Czechoslovakia. But we're determined that the great majority should go. Only those who can prove they took an active part in the anti-Nazi underground may stay."

Plants already removed from the Sudeten area to Slovakia include a wood-processing factory, an electro-technical plant and some printing shops.

There were some steel mills already in Slovakia which had folded in the old days because they couldn't stand up under competition of the more developed mills in Bohemia-Moravia. Now that heavy industry has been nationalized, these plants are working again, and the workers are benefiting from the agreement between the Prague Government and the Slovak National Council that living conditions throughout the country will be equalized.

What's more, Trachta said, "it's natural for workers to produce more in the nationalized factories." In the famous Bata Shoe factory in Slovakia, for instance, production has risen 300 percent over 1938.

"The workers are glad not to be working for one man's profit but for bettering their own conditions, improving the factory and helping to construct more industry so that throughout the land the people will be better off."

Decent wages are matched by strict price control throughout Czechoslovakia. Food is scanty because of the war's devastation, but at least what there is is rationed equitably. So there's no complaining.

The workers have organized brigades to spend their days off in the country repairing damaged agricultural machines.

"That's more than a symbol of labor-farmer unity," Trachta explained. "That's necessary if we are to live."

Agricultural production is also being boosted by the shift of whole villages of people, who used to live in Slovakia's bleak hills, to the fertile valleys. They are taking over estates formerly owned by Germans, Hungarians, collaborators, and putting them to good use.

Trachta's enthusiasm about these developments runs deep. He is proud to see the fruition of what he and other partisans fought for in the terrible times of German occupation.

During the Tiso puppet regime, Trachta got into trouble because he had written anti-Tiso articles. He went into hiding, joined the Communist Party and became chief of the Slovak's National Council's news agency in the partisan center of Banska Bystrica. When the 1944 Slovak uprising began, Trachta volunteered for the patriotic army, fighting through the bitter and heroic months.

When the uprising was crushed he and the others took to the hills; sleeping in the snow and rain; freezing but holding out until liberation because they had before them the ideal of a land that would be truly free.

"That's what we're getting," Trachta smiled happily. "It certainly was worth fighting for."

Worth Repeating

New York State Communist Party Educational Director William Weinstone, writing of the party's position in the election campaign, said: "The historic break with the old parties is in the process of development. Its acceleration depends in a large measure on the Communists and how they work. Right opportunism says: let us drag behind the workers or labor leaders who want no break with the bourgeoisie. 'Left' sectarianism says: let us abandon the progressive workers and labor leaders who have not broken away from the old parties and let us go it alone. The party says: let us put forward our own independent policy in the fight against reaction and war, and fight for it, but work with the masses and lead them toward the goal which they must inevitably reach."

"In the case of both the Right and the 'Left' positions, the result of the policy is to abandon the workers to the bourgeoisie."—An article in the October issue of "Political Affairs."

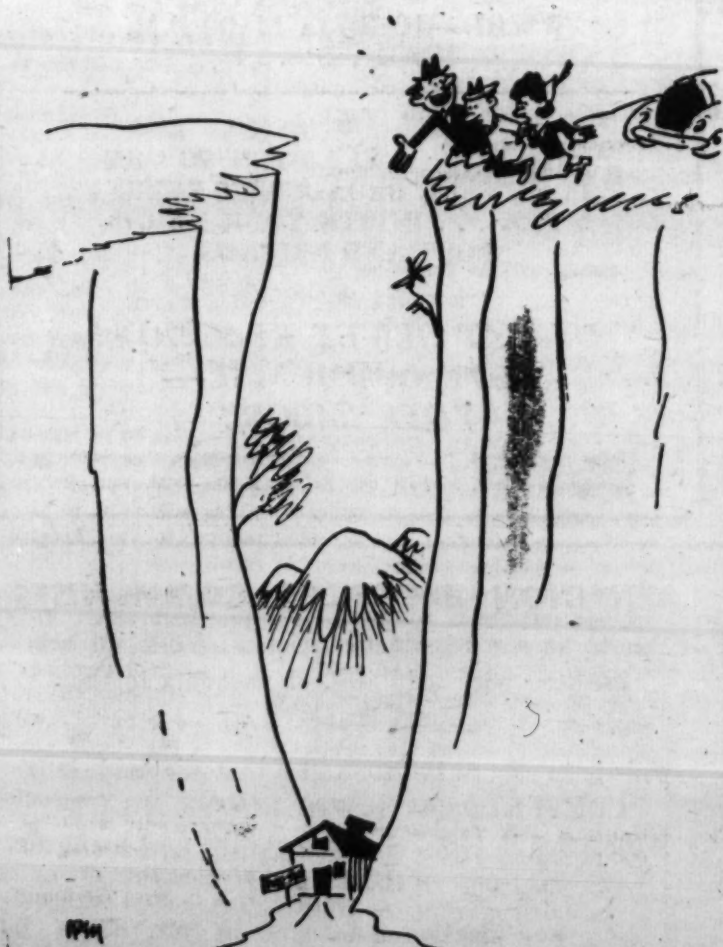
Press Roundup 'Shrilling!' 'Vitriolic'— But Right

THE TIMES correspondent in South America, Frank L. Kluckhohn, denounces the Chilean Communists and progressives because they believe that the man who got the highest number of votes should be the president of Chile. Gonzales Videla led his nearest opponent by more than 50,000 votes. Kluckhohn evidently prefers that the backward folk in Chile adopt the Georgia system of voting where the man with the highest votes is defeated, as Carmichael was by Talmadge. Kluckhohn also criticizes the Chilean left for opposing the visit of "five warships including the battleship Wisconsin and the aircraft carrier Leyte, for the Presidential inauguration on Nov. 4." Kluckhohn uses such objective language as "shrilling" and "vitriolic" to describe Chilean opposition to the use of U. S. battle-ships to insure the inauguration of a defeated reactionary against the progressive Videla.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE finds it inevitable "that the United States will continue to back the Kuomintang government in Nanking." It also sees the tendency "to build up industries based on cheap labor which are controlled by men who also control the Kuomintang. Such industries will enrich a few men and are likely to create dangers because they will produce for markets abroad thus encouraging militarism, but they will not raise the living standards of China's peasants." The Tribune correspondent in China, A. T. Steels reports that in the Communist controlled areas the reverse happens. Agrarian reforms and democracy benefit the peasants.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM correspondent who traveled through the Soviet Union and found no iron curtain reports the sentiments of the Communist leader of a children's camp in the Soviet Union: "Your children have suffered in the war. Our children have suffered. We grown-ups have suffered. We must stop war. We must have peace. America and the Soviet Union must always stand together for peace." That's the kind of education that goes on in the Soviet Union. But the "education of the Scripps-Howard press here strives to create animosity against the Soviet Union and a feeling of inevitable conflict. Stojan also reports the free exercise of religion in the USSR."

THE DAILY MIRROR which has backed a British-American military alliance is peaked because Britain is reluctant to assume the role of junior partner in the alliance. Criticizing the action of Portugal in asking America to leave the Azores, it asks: "Is it possible that Britain, lagging far behind U. S. commercial aviation but striving mightily to catch up, had something to do with Portugal's decision to deny us use of flying bases?"



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About Democracy and Beef

THE brazen character of the meat trust's hold-up of the nation was demonstrated in an editorial in yesterday's New York Times.

The editorial blandly admitted there is plenty of cattle on the range being held from the market because "producers" want to get rid of price control.

What's wrong with that, the editorial wanted to know. Haven't the producers the right to withhold their cattle if they do not like controls? Any attempt to move that cattle by government directive or decree would be "interfering with the rights of private property."

Seldom has even the Times dared so bold a defense of the "right" of big business to use its economic power to force its political program upon the nation. Yet how it shrieks when it suspects labor of calling a "political" strike on behalf of the people.

'Producers' Who Don't Produce

Reports from the West reveal that it is by no means the "producers" in most cases who are keeping their cattle in the range. The meatpacking monopoly is refusing to buy it. The reason is not only to remove price controls, though that is a major one, but to break the CIO packing-house workers, and above all to bludgeon the people into turning the country over entirely to the GOP, political agency for monopoly.

This is by no means the first time in our history that monopoly used its economic power in a direct effort to win elections. Many workers still remember the little notes they received in pay envelopes back in 1936 saying they need not report for work if FDR were reelected.

Rep. Halleck of Indiana, head of the Republican congressional campaign committee, virtually admitted GOP participation in the conspiracy when he promised there would be meat within 30 days if the GOP carries the congressional elections.

The conspiracy has got to be exposed and smashed. The drastic steps proposed to President Truman by Mayor O'Dwyer for seizure and allocation of cattle, for import of meat, for an investigation of the conspiracy need to be taken, and fast.

Useless Denial

CANDIDATE Dewey's hasty effort to rid himself of the taint of Senator Taft's attack on the Nuernberg verdicts will not clear him in the eyes of American public opinion.

In stating that he agreed with the death sentence for the Nazi criminals, Dewey was very careful not to mention Taft by name or to denounce his GOP colleague.

Dewey's words remain formal, therefore, and useless, without a direct clash with the GOP defense of the Hitlerites.

We doubt that Dewey will say anything further about Taft's plea for German fascism.

Dewey is backed in New York by the most ardent America First appeasers.

A vote for Dewey is a vote for the new Munich philosophy. Dewey's defeat would resound through the world as a rebuff to the friends of Fascism.

Protests Must Continue

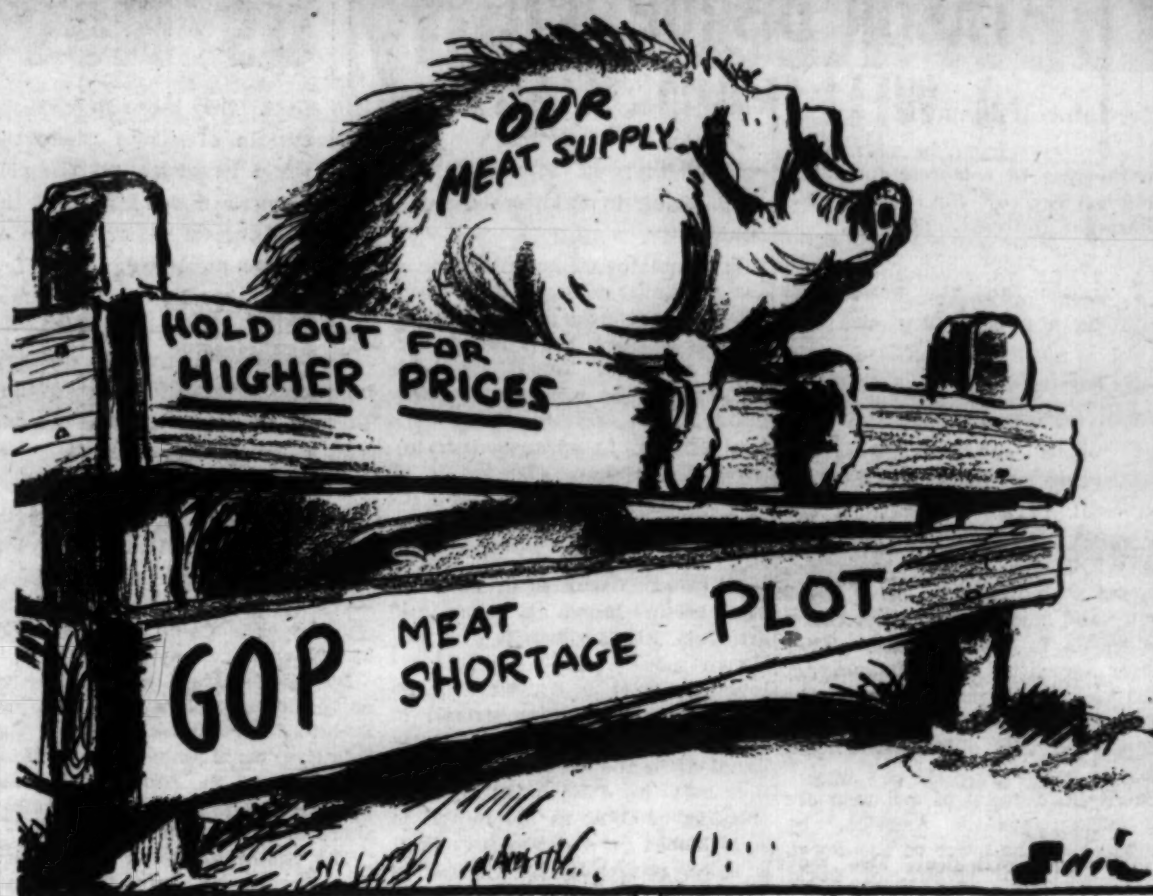
PROGRESSIVE and labor groups in New York State are rallying to the support of the Communist Party fight to stay on the ballot.

They recognize that what is involved is a basic right of all citizens, the right to make independent nominations for elections.

The strong backing given thus far has unquestionably shaken the reactionary Democratic machines responsible for the drive against the party's place on the ballot.

There cannot, be any letup in that fight. Protests against the attack on minority ballot rights should continue to pour in on Paul Fitzpatrick, Democratic state chairman, at the Hotel Biltmore, and the leading Democratic nominees.

GET HIM OVER THE FENCE



Letters from Our Readers

IWO Protests Drive On CP Ballot Rights

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following letter was sent to Paul A. Fitzpatrick, State Chairman Democratic Party:

The court suit before Judge Murray brought by Spencer Young, Democratic candidate for comptroller aiming to bar minority parties from the ballot in the November election, represents a threat to free elections in our state.

The efforts to intimidate petition signers with a view of eliminating the Communist Party from the ballot, means depriving the citizenry of New York of the elementary right to vote for candidates of their own choice.

No one who claims to champion the democratic rights of the people, the most elementary one being the right to vote for candidates of minority parties, can remain silent on this issue.

Speaking in behalf of the fifty thousand citizens of the International Workers Order of New York, we call upon you to condemn this effort to rule a minority off the ballot and to use your high position to protect the right of minority parties in our state.

DAVE GREEN,
Exec. Sec'y, City Central
Committee, IWO.

Wallace's Comments On Military Budget

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Aren't we being slow on the ball? One of the most appealing parts of Wallace's letter should be the budget to which we, so absorbed in big political issues, gave only a passing glance. Every worker everywhere in this land gags every time he gets a big pay check with that huge chunk — \$5, \$8, \$10 — taken out for taxes.

He may not listen on Trieste or China or Spain or Greece. But you can be sure he'll listen on what that tax deduction is for. So let's tell him, also pointing out how many homes, hospitals, schools, etc., could be built with the amount of money going into the military machine.

RAY PEARCE.

Ed. Note: See the Daily Worker's Worth Repeating Column of the Oct. 2 issue.

THE PARTITION OF GERMANY

- Byrnes Revives Versailles Policy
- Seeks to Keep Democratic Forces Down

By James S. Allen

OBVIOUSLY, BYRNES THINKS the strongest point in his German policy is the proposal for a 40-year demilitarization treaty among the Big Four, an idea originating with Senator Vandenberg. He made this the principal theme of his speech in Paris last Thursday, which was an effort to overcome strong French opposition to his Stuttgart speech.

Practically all sectors of French opinion remain deeply skeptical. Well they might, for France was among the first victims of a similar Allied policy that led in practice to the revival of German imperialism and aggression after World War I.

BYRNES NOW revives this bankrupt policy. Talk as much as he did about a treaty to demilitarize Germany over a period of 40 years, the fact remains that the United States and Britain are not taking the immediate steps provided in the Potsdam accord to democratize and demilitarize their occupation zones.

Following close upon Byrnes' two speeches on Germany, the acquittal at Nuernberg, especially of Schacht and Von Papen, long-time members of the Ruhr big business hierarchy, and the clearing of the German General Staff, an instrument of this same gang, serves to clarify the Anglo-American policy.

Again, high Western diplomats, among whom Byrnes and Vandenberg are the highest, consider that the front has shifted. Therefore, it is not surprising that Byrnes should attempt to bring the ghost of Versailles back to life, under cover of the proposed treaty. But the day is past when fighters for peace can be satisfied with a scrap of paper.

IN HIS BID for French support, Byrnes made a subtle appeal to the reactionary sectors of French politics, those sectors which found that Byrnes did not go far enough at Stuttgart in providing for a Western bloc, of which the Ruhr would be a part.

On this side of the Atlantic the latter viewpoint is voiced by Walter Lippmann, who was also critical of the Stuttgart plan because it did not go far enough in decentralizing and partitioning Germany.

An interesting rejoinder to Lippmann appeared in the Washington Post from Dr. James K. Pollock, who was chief adviser on

constitutional questions to the American Military Government. The man who should know assures Lippmann he has no cause for complaint:

"I say without the least fear of contradiction that every responsible person connected with our policy in Germany or in Washington has worked constantly for a decentralization of everything in Germany, government as well as business."

To which Lippmann replied in the Herald Tribune:

"It is not a federal system when the states derive their powers from the Central Government. . . . Nowhere does he [Byrnes] say that the reestablishment of the separate states should precede the creation of a Central Government."

IN HIS PARIS SPEECH Byrnes provides this assurance, not only to Lippmann but to similar forces here, in France and in Britain.

After stating he does "not want to see an over-centralized government," and that the purpose of present policy is to create autonomous states in the Western zones, Byrnes practically lifts Lippmann's words to say:

"We want to see the Federal Government of Germany created by the states and not the states created by the Central Government. If we so proceed, we do not think we will find that the responsible representatives of the states will want to give excessive powers to the Federal Government."

This is not a debate on constitutional law. Here Byrnes makes clear that the scheme for a federalized Germany has as its main objective to prevent the democratic forces rapidly developing in the Soviet zone from influencing the rest of Germany through a meaningful central government, while at the same time safeguarding the separate development of an imperialist base in West Germany.

(I will discuss the French position on Friday.)

Labor Needs Unity as Never Before

By John Williamson

(Excerpts from an address at a meeting to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Communist Party in Detroit, Sept. 27.)

AS WE enter our 28th year, America and the world finds itself in a new postwar situation. After so much was sacrificed in the victorious struggle to defeat and smash fascism, the American people find evil forces at work.

They are not many but they are powerful. They never liked the people's character of the war against Hitler. They always disagreed with FDR's policy of Big 3 unity and meeting the Soviet Union as equals in world affairs. They never agreed with the Wagner Act and had nightmares about the strengthening of the trade unions. In a word, they didn't like democracy at work.

This little group of evil men are conspiring against America, by threatening the peace of the world. They dream of empire, of world domination—of an American Century. They are the so-called 60 ruling families—more popularly known as the Economic Royalists.

Their address is Wall Street with branch offices in Detroit, c/o General Motors; in Pittsburgh, c/o U. S. Steel; in Delaware c/o DuPont.

They are the strongest section of the capitalist class in the world. They have a navy larger than all others combined, and a mighty air force with far flung air bases throughout the world. They are manipulating foreign loans and food reserves to advance their imperialist purposes. To top it all they have the atom bomb and the stockpile gets ever larger.

All this has resulted in American imperialism becoming cocky and arrogant. Big Business is in a Get Tough mood. At home this get tough policy is seen in the demand for a law to legalize strikes; in how the railroad workers were handled; in the attempt of injunction rule in Pittsburgh; in the scuttling of OPA; in the refusal to build homes for veterans because it is more profitable to engage in other types of construction; in the increasing attacks on the Negro people and in the new war of red-baiting, let loose and condoned by the Attorney General.

Here in Detroit, Mr. Wilson, of General Motors, looks everywhere for responsibility for the present situation in the auto industry except where he should—the General Motors Corp. itself. Today many of Detroit's auto workers are working a short week because monopoly is on another sit-down strike. They got a price increase of 33 percent on their cars, but they want more. Although there is a big demand for cars from which you would have employment, they keep you on part time-work because they are profit-hungry and want to get even tougher on prices.

When it comes to foreign policy there is the same motivation. Why should Mr. Wilson, or Tom Girdler, or Jimmy Byrnes, or Vandenberg like democracy in Europe or China when they don't like it here at home? Why should they want to break up the monopolies in Germany, that were the source of fascist power, when they are really blood brothers and actually had agreements with them? Why should they give their blessing to nationalization of industry in Europe when they shout to high heaven against it here?

It was in this kind of an atmosphere that two events occurred during the past week that have shaken the entire nation—yes, the world. I refer to the events around Henry Wallace and the Stalin interview.

The Wallace events had one posi-

tive effect. They broke through the iron curtain of silence where the only voices heard against the policy of American domination of the world and threats of war were those of the Communist Party and a few forthright labor leaders and democrats like Sen. Pepper.

The Stalin interview in its own way joins with Wallace in exposing the war mongers—who they are and what their tricks are.

This Stalin interview tears away the false premise of the inevitability of war with the Soviet Union which has been thrown at us by every newspaper, radio and a variety of spokesmen of the State, War and Navy Departments.

By his declaration that he sees no real danger of war at this time, Stalin differentiates between the objective conditions leading to a new war and the efforts of the war adventurers to create an atmosphere of the imminence of war.

The Stalin interview doesn't say that these war incendiaries and adventurers aren't dangerous, or that they themselves wouldn't like war and, therefore, are keeping a big army, navy and air force at hand. However, his statement is aimed at checkmating them—utilizing the contradictions among them—and encouraging the forces of peace to assert themselves.

There is a great gap between sabre-rattling and war. These war mongers reckon without the people.

Let no one think that Stalin's interview means the American people can sit back and take it easy. On the contrary, precisely because these war adventurers are found mainly in our own country, we have a special responsibility. What is this responsibility?

First: It is to take the foreign policy out of the hands of Vandenberg and Byrnes, which really means the hands of the Republican Party and Wall Street.

Second: It means the people must fight to see that our country adheres to the agreements that Franklin D. Roosevelt entered into and understood very well; the withdrawal of American troops from China; the building of a democratic Germany by fulfilling our commitments to break up the Nazi cartels and root out all Nazis; entering into a treaty to outlaw the atomic bomb.

The greatest threat to the development of a great grass roots movement for a genuine peace policy is the use of the old Hitler weapon of red-baiting.

Reactionaries everywhere hope to use red-baiting as a sort of lightning rod to divert the wrath of the American people from the trusts and warmongering politicians and against the trade unions and the Communists.

There is a special drive against the Communists in the trade unions today. The reactionaries, to be successful with their get-tough policy, must try to remove the great CIO of 6,000,000 members, which during the decade of its existence has been a progressive force. Wherever you go today, articles and editorials glare out at you declaring there is a Communist menace in the CIO.

Let everyone be clear—there is no Communist menace in the CIO, despite what the Hearst papers, the Chicago Tribune, John L. Lewis or some isolated CIO official may think. The only menace today is the danger of disunity.

Here in Michigan where everyone thinks of that progressive union, the UAW—what is the menace today? It is the threat of continued disunity which weakens the union in its struggle against the Big Three auto corporations. The employers are trying to harass the workers by speed-up and penalties while weakening the union through layoffs and other provocations. This threat

to the UAW and the conditions of all its members must not be lost sight of in the midst of factional struggle.

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Exposes Dewey's Neglect of Health Care

The ranks of the two hold-out truck associations cracked yesterday when two over-the-road carriers signed an agreement on Monday with AFL Teamsters Local 807. The agreements embodied the "Bohack formula" providing for 31 cents an hour increase.

A Local 807 spokesman yesterday announced a number of long distance carriers had signed in addition to Holland Transportation Co., operating 66 trucks between New York and New England, and Overland Freight Service, with 25 trucks between New York and Philadelphia. Long distance carriers form the bulk of the two associations headed by Joseph M. Adelizzi, the Motor Carriers Association of New York and the State Motor Truck Association.

With the Hoffman Beverage Co. also signed, the union's position was considered stronger as the tieup entered its seventh week. The minority of union members still out will now be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. Up to now needy drivers have received \$10 food checks from the union.

Local 807's success in negotiating new contracts was viewed as influencing trucking conditions along the entire eastern seaboard because of its pivotal position. Non-union southern drivers who have come into the city have expressed determination to help unionism in their own areas where wage standards are far below those obtained by Local 807.

That hold-out employers are weakening in their standpat stand was indicated when Adelizzi on Monday indicated a preference for union contracts negotiated in Paterson and Passaic, N.J., by Local 560. These contracts call for 25 cents and hour raise. Adelizzi's top offer previously was 12 1/2 cents.

PAC and ICC List Candidates

Sen. James M. Mead and former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Democratic-American Labor candidates for governor and U. S. Senate, were endorsed yesterday by the city Citizens Political Action Committee and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (ICCASP).

In addition to Mead and Lehman, the two organizations also endorsed progressive candidates for other offices in the Nov. 5 election. Following are the candidates who received this support. (Asterisk denotes endorsement by both organizations.)

FOR CONGRESS

- *Rep. Vito Marcantonio (D-ALP)—18th C.D.
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- Rep. Sol Bloom (D-ALP)—20th C.D.
- Benjamin J. Rabin (D)—24th C.D.
- John J. Delaney (D-ALP)—7th C.D.
- *Vincent J. Longhi (R-ALP)—12th C.D.
- Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-ALP)—15th C.D.
- *George H. Rooney (ALP)—4th C.D.
- Francis X. Nulty (D-ALP)—27th C.D.
- Morris Karnes (D-ALP)—38th C.D.
- Bryce Oliver (ALP)—29th C.D.
- Rep. George F. Rogers (D-ALP)—40th C.D.

FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

- *Samuel Kaplan (D-D-ALP)—24th A.D., Bklyn.
- *Ada B. Jackson (ALP)—17th A.D., Brooklyn.
- *Leo Isacson (ALP)—13th A.D., Bronx.

FOR STATE SENATE

- *Charles Collins (ALP)—21st S.D., Manhattan.
- William B. Schiller (D-ALP)—20th S.D., Manhattan

Carr, CP Leader In Pennsylvania, Dies

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8.—The death of Reuben Carr, member of the Communist Party for 14 years and on the Eastern Pennsylvania District Committee of the party until his health failed, is being mourned by labor and the Negro people in this area.

Price Board to Be Picketed

A delegation of 25 New York consumers will picket the Washington office of the Price Decontrol Board today at the Federal Reserve Building, demanding return of price ceilings on dairy products.

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It's Labor Sports!

By Bill Mardo

"C'mon '65... get hot you Furriers!"

Labor sports is making a comeback. Ten-pins will be sent flying on the bowling alleys. Union hoopsters will whip that basketball through the cords. Trade union boxers will be squaring off. Yes, a full labor sports program is being reorganized in New York City for the first time since the old Trade Union Athletic Association disbanded in '42.

Thousands of unionists representing 50 CIO, AFL locals—youth and fraternal groups—have already affiliated with the newly-formed LABOR SPORTS FEDERATION. Indications are that many more organizations and unions will soon flock to the L. S. F. to help this broad labor sports program get off to a flying start.

Just as a starter, the Federation has obtained the use of two high school gyms to inaugurate its inter-union training and gymnastic sessions. Experienced athletic instructors have been hired to set up gym programs at the Central Needle Trades and Textile High Schools. There, in addition to the conditioning sessions, grade unionists will be able to whip their teams into shape for the autumn and winter intra-union competition being planned.

Gym membership cards are 75 cents per person, and if your union sports director hasn't as yet affiliated with the Labor Sports

Federation, he or she can do so by immediately writing to: CARL SCHUTT, chairman, Labor Sports Federation, 305 West 44th Street, N. Y. C. All other costs for the furthering of this cooperative union gym program will be shared on an equal basis by all affiliated groups.

Now here's the big thing if you want to aid this fine step forward in the fight for a real workers sports life in this city: The temporary committee of the L. S. F., chairman Carl Schutt of the Hotel and Club Employees (AFL), Mannie Wideroff, field organizer, and Leon Shlofrock, secretary-treasurer, have issued a call for a Nov. 12 conference at the Hotel and Club Employees, Local 6 headquarters, 305 West 44th Street. Purpose of this conference will be the establishing of a permanent committee, election of officers, and immediate program of action.

YOUR UNION LOCAL OR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD SEND DELEGATES TO THIS CONFERENCE!

The Nov. 12 conference promises to be an eventful beginning of labor sports in New York... a non-Jimcrow sports life and competition which will go far toward building keen athletic activity, trade union unity, and a bangup mass sports program!

So write to the Labor Sports Federation NOW! Send delegates to the big Nov. 12 conference. Enroll in the growing gym program being organized by L. S. F.

LET'S GO!

S P O R T S

DICKSON, BOO HURL TODAY

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 8.—With one eye cocked to the threatening skies, Boston fans were set to welcome the city's first World Series game in 28 years as the Red Sox and Cards clashed in the third game of the tied up Series tomorrow. Sox manager Joe Cronin will send right handed Dave (Boo) Ferris to the mound against the underdog Cards, who have surprised the baseball world by barely missing a victory in the opener and decisively winning the second 3-0.

Ferris, a big side arm curver, won 25 and lost 6 in the American League race for the top percentage in the majors.

Card manager Eddie Dyer will throw little Murry Dickson at the Boston powerhouse. Dickson, who beat the Dodgers in the play-off clincher one week ago, won 15 and lost 11 in the regular season. He's a righthander with lots of stuff and great control.

The Red Sox were favored to take today's game and go on to win the Series, but there was a new respect for the fighting Cards. Big question revolved around Ted Williams and the Cards' right field shift which has stopped him pretty well in the first two games. Some feel that with the left-handers out of the way Ted will find it easier to blast the ball all the way to right for a home run or push it to the unprotected left side.

Other speculation was on what Dyer would do if Ted came to bat with a baserunner on second. An unprotected third would be an invitation for a steal.

Both lineups will be shifted for the advent of righthanders. The veteran Wally Moses will go to right field and lead off for Boston, while Joe Garagiola and Harry Walker will return behind the bat and to left field for the Cards.

The Sox are coming back home,

MEMO TO A.L. MOGULS:

By Lester Rodney

Two baseball squads, Bob Feller's American League all-stars composed of big leaguers like Feller, AL batting champ Vernon, Keller, Rizzuto, Keltner, Heath, Hayes and others, and Satchell Paige's all-Negro league team are traveling and playing together on a 30-game exhibition tour.

Sunday afternoon Paige outpitched Feller before 25,000 enthusiastic fans. American fans are democratic and like their democracy on the diamond as well as anywhere else.

The fans are willing, the players are willing, Brooklyn has taken the first step in the National League. It's time for the American League to live up to its name and SIGN NEGRO PLAYERS.

HERE THEY GO AGAIN

The clamor is rising. No stalling, say the fans. Which side are you on? OK, men, here it is:

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MARDO: "St. Louis in six. I don't think Dickson will drop it today—more likely to be George Munger tomorrow. My Cards are out-hitting, out-pitching, and out-fielding the Bosox and now that they've pulled even after losing the opener, nothing can stop them."

where they have lost only 17 games all season. Tonight there appeared a definite possibility of a postponement of tomorrow's game since the Weather Bureau predicted rain and winds. What was left of the tropical hurricane moving north from Florida was scheduled to blow into New England Wednesday.



SATURDAY SPOTLIGHT

Saturday's college spotlight falls on Michigan-Army, Yale-Columbia, and locally, NYU-Rutgers.

THE KAYDET - WOLVERINES shindig is attracting most attention, though, what with Doc Blanchard due back in the Army lineup to help the soldier-boys in their biggest test prior to the clash with Notre Dame. Michigan is three deep in talented reserves, and has the Negro end, Len Ford, to snare those potential touchdown tosses. Fritz Crisler's boys are undefeated and many observers rate them a real chance of pulling the upset of the week. Maybe.

COLUMBIA-YALE promises to be a hummer. Lou Little's lads showed much improvement in their win over Navy, though the Lions revealed some defensive lapses. It'll be Yale's Levi Jackson versus Rossides and Kusserow so far as the offensives are concerned. Yessiree, a real whizbang of a ballgame is due at the New Haven Bowl.

NYU-RUTGERS will show their stuff Saturday at the Polo Grounds. The Violets beat little Brooklyn College last Friday night, and of course, everyone remembers Rutgers' great 'one - touchdown loss against the Columbia Lions two weeks ago. NYU's Roxie Finn, returned GI, is the boy Rutgers will have to watch if they want to keep the underdog NYU'ers in check.

Browns, Bears Pack Pro Gridiron Power

Out in Cleveland the band at the Browns' game plays a new song called "We're All American People in an All American Town." Some local boosting in there no doubt, but it also is fairly fitting for the local pro club which is running with the All American race with five straight victories, 142 points to the opposition's 20, and two Negro stars on the team dealing a body blow to Jimcrow.

Besides Motley in the backfield the big aces are a triple threat Otto Graham, ex-Northwestern and Don Greenwood of last year's championship Rams. The Browns play the Yanks here Saturday night the local pro grid debut.

In the National Loop it looks like the mighty Bears are on their prewar prow again. Sun-

day as they beat the Chicago Cardinals, the peerless Sid Luckman hurled two touchdown passes, set up a third with more passes and contributed a 28-yard run to a fourth. There may be some late competition in the Western half of this loop when the Los Angeles Rams get going. Harmon has started to run and Waterfield to pitch but Kenny Washington's leg is not yet in shape and the club has lost two to its one victory.

The Giants, unlike their woe-begone baseball namesake, seem good enough on the basis of their first two wins to take the Eastern half, but won't rank with the Bears in a playoff despite the passing of the vet Filchock and the running of ex-Minnesota ace George Branch.

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BOOKS -- FILMS -- THE ARTS

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Rathbone, Leontovich And Gowns by Adrian

A two character play in one setting is certain to make you wonder: how will it hold for three acts? At the Plymouth such a play, *Obsession*, adapted by Jane Hinton from a play by Louis Verneuil, stars Basil Rathbone and Eugenie Leontovich.

As the curtain rises you see Maurice carry his bride Nadya across the threshold into their new apartment. This is a living room adjoining a bedroom dominated by an enormous bed.

At once, of course, you know this is not to be a "problem" play or a play with "ideas"; this is another of those plays intended as "pure entertainment."

Though the opening dialogue would lead us to believe that the couple will consummate this marriage before our eyes—the bride undresses—this is not the case, despite its being an adaptation from the French. Instead, after many false alarms, much gaffer, wine and chatter, Maurice grows tortured over Nadya's pre-marital inamorato. Angered by the explanations and imaginative fabrications, he slaps her.

We realize then, that although we react as to a comedy we are in for a melodrama full of love, passion, jealousy and murder.

Sure enough, Nadya's "godfather" is murdered. Who done it?

Unlike a regular mystery, a two character play leaves but two suspects—so naturally it's a toss-up.

OBSESSION, a revival of the Louis Verneuil-Eugene Walter play *Jealousy*. New adaptation by Jane Hinton, starring Basil Rathbone and Eugenie Leontovich. Staged by Reginald Denham. At the Plymouth Theatre.

The last act is but an overlong preparation for the final curtain.

Reginald Denham, the director, obviously anxious to keep things moving, tried to solve matters by making the two stars jockey from one stage picture to the other, somewhat like stills for *True Romances*.

Eugenie Leontovich, the better of the pair, doesn't try to portray a woman anxious to fascinate and hold on to her new playwright husband so that she will be secure and able to forget her life as a kept woman. No, it is the audience she has in mind—to fascinate them with her accent, her dramatic gestures, to show off the figure so closely wrapped in gowns by Adrian.

Of Basil Rathbone's acting—maybe you could get away with it in a small town Shakespearean stock company, but here it's what hangs in a non-kosher butcher's window.

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—JOHN REINER.

RADIO

EVENING

6:00-WEAF—News; Music
WOR—Frank Kingdon, Comment
WJZ—News; Kiernan's Corner
WABC—News; Harry Marble
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WOR—Bob Eison, Interviews
WJZ—Ethel and Albert—Sketch
WABC—In My Opinion
6:25-WQXR—Here, There in New York
6:30-WOR—News—Fred Vandeventer
WJZ—Allen Prescott
WABC—Sports—Red Barber
WMCA—Racing Results
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:45-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WJZ—Robert Morgan
WABC—Herc Trout, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00-WEAF—Super Club Variety
WOR—Filton Lewis, Jr., Comment

WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Mystery of the Week
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Celebrity Hall
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
7:30-WEAF—Dennis Day Show
WOR—Arthur Hale
WJZ—Professor Quiz
WABC—Mr. Keen—Play
WMCA—Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Recorded Harities
7:45-WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Fashions in Melody
8:00-WEAF—The Aldrich Family
WOR—Sound Off—Mark Warnow
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WABC—Suspense—Play
WMCA—News; UN Records
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Erwin D. Canham, News
8:30-WEAF—Burns and Allen, Comedy
WOR—Vic and Sade—Sketch
WJZ—Town Meeting
WABC—FBI in Peace and War

Brooks Atkinson and The Critics of 'Propaganda'

By Samuel Sillen

(Part of a talk delivered at Monday night's Stage for Action Forum on "The Negro in the American Theater.")

WITH a new play by Eugene O'Neill opening on Broadway this week, it is appropriate to recall the stir created by Mr. O'Neill's *All God's Chillun Got Wings* when that play opened at the Provincetown Playhouse in 1924. *All God's Chillun*, dealing critically with Negro-white relationships in America, provoked the wrath of the more virtuous sections of our free press. Hearst's *American*, for instance, carried an editorial which declared: "It is hard to imagine a more nauseating and inflammable situation, and in many communities the failure of the audience to scrap the play and mutilate the players would be regarded as a token of public anemia."

Much has changed since 1924, even if Hearst has not. The drama critics, in approaching plays like *Deep Are the Roots*, *Jeb*, or *On Whitman Avenue*, do not call on the audience to "scrap the play" and "mutilate the players." We have made a certain progress in refinement. We damn with faint praise and murder with protestations of good will.

Confronted by an honest play on a social theme—and specifically the Negro theme—your newspaper guide reacts as automatically as Pavlov's conditioned dog. He sits down to his typewriter and begins:

"Please don't get me wrong. I am a very sensitive fellow; I think Bilbo is a wretch (though I will defend unto my death his right to sit in the Senate); some of my best friends are underprivileged, but I am not a Communist, believe me. I firmly believe that with the right kind of education we may reasonably look forward to the abolition of racial intolerance within 200 years, if human nature can be changed. Therefore I deeply appreciate the playwright's generous intentions. For that reason I regret to report that he has chosen to write propaganda. He does not appear to understand that the theater is not a classroom but a shrine of exaltation and enchantment—witness *Harvey*."

There are variations on this patter, but they all add up to the same total—killing with kindness, a sort of benevolent mayhem.

I should like to affirm my agreement on three propositions:

(1) The theater is not a classroom, it is a theater; and a person may be a fascinating lecturer on political economy and a tedious butcher as a playwright.

(2) The seriousness of the Negro theme thrusts upon the playwright special responsibilities of intellectual maturity and craft mastery.

(3) The purposes of a good cause are ill-served by shoddy art.

But I submit that the issue is more fundamental than these propositions suggest. The issue is whether it is desirable or even possible to write about the real life of the Negro in America without partisanship, without a passionate sense of purpose, without a burning desire either to perpetuate or radically change the status quo.

The Negro theme may be and indeed should be treated with artistic objectivity; that is, with rigorous adherence to the truth of American life. But the Negro theme should not and indeed cannot be

treated with artistic neutrality; that is, with indifference to the impact on the social attitudes and behavior of the audience.

Every serious play about Negro life in America is bound to be a "propaganda" play; it is bound to express basic values, and it is bound to affect basic values. Nobody has ordered this to be so, or merely wished it to be so. It is inherent in the drama because it is inherent in social reality.

The question is not whether the playwright should write propaganda. The fact is that he does, whenever he deals with issues that touch the core of our lives and our society. The question is: Propaganda for what end?

It is a notorious fact that the drama critic never sees propaganda in plays that accept and therefore propagate the dominant values of capitalist society. He sees propaganda only at the point where these values are seriously challenged. A play today glorifying the war ambitions of the imperialists and atom bomb diplomats would not be denounced as propaganda. A play that exposed and resisted these ambitions, a genuine peace play, would immediately be impaled on that terrifying word.

This is all carefully wrapped up of course in an unyielding devotion to "pure" art. In fact, the most influential critics make quite a fetish of "not influencing" people. I call your attention to a column by Brooks Atkinson in yesterday's *New York Times*. Mr. Atkinson says that it is "nearly impossible . . . for Soviet and Western writers to understand each other." (It should be noted parenthetically that Mr. Atkinson assumes the burden of speaking for all so-called "Western" writers.) He illustrates with a conversation between himself and a Soviet writer.

The *Times* critic said that "I was not a member of any political party or group because I did not want to subordinate my independence as a writer to causes or political attitudes." "But you should," the Soviet writer is reported as replying. "You are wrong. As a writer you can influence a great many people."

Mr. Atkinson says he was "taken aback" by this "non-Western" attitude. He replied: "I am not interested in influencing people. That is only a by-product of writing."

Whether or not Mr. Atkinson is interested in influencing people, the fact is that he writes for a newspaper whose average Sunday sale last year was 602,509. Moreover, for a man not interested in influencing people Mr. Atkinson shows a certain fervor in following the line of his editors, who I daresay are interested in influencing people.

What is of immediate concern, however, is the premise of Mr. Atkinson's approach to the theater. He considers writers who set out to influence people as a bizarre, "Oriental" tribe. He cannot fathom their mentality. It should be noted that this frame of mind does not separate Brooks Atkinson from the Soviet writer alone. It separates him as well from the greatest dramatists of the modern stage: Ibsen, Chekhov, Gorky, Shaw, Sean O'Casey.

These writers have all been quite definitely and rather unabashedly interested in "influencing" people. Each of these playwrights was roundly abused by Mr. Atkinson's predecessors in the critical trade. They were denounced as "propagandists"—that is, as people who could not stomach the existing order and employed the theater as a means of challenging that order. They sought to make people aware of the injustices and banalities of the life around them; they sought to create new values; they sought to change people's outlook on life.

(Concluded Tomorrow.)

WEVD-8:45-9:00 P. M.—ADA JACKSON—ALP Candidate for Assembly 17th Assembly District

WMCA-9:05-9:15 P. M.—LEO ISACSON—ALP Assemblyman—"Behind the Curtain—An Expose of the Dewey Administration in Albany."

9:20-WEAF—Jack Haley Show

WOR—By Popular Demand

WJZ—Take It From There

WABC—Crime Photographer

WQXR—Author Meets the Critic

10:00-WEAF—Abbott and Costello, Comedy

WOR—Football—Eddie Dooley

WJZ—Sammy Kaye Orchestra

WABC—Radio Readers Digest

WMCA—News; Football Review

WQXR—News; Recorded Album

10:15-WOR—Scout About Town

10:30-WEAF—Eddie Cantor Show

WOR—The Symphonette

WJZ—Bob Eison, Interviews

WABC—Phone Again Finnegan—Comedy With Frank McHugh

WMCA—News and Opinion

WQXR—Just Music

10:45-WJZ—Ralph Norman Orchestra

11:00-WEAF—News; Music

WOR—News; Dance Music

WJZ, WABC—News, Music

WMCA—News; Recorded Music

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Farleyites Use New Scheme to Bar CP

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Oct. 8.—Farleyite Democrats seeking to drive the Communist Party from the ballot shifted to a new tack this afternoon in the proceedings before the Albany Supreme Court. They will now try to find enough signers of Communist nominating petitions in any one county who do not register to vote to invalidate the whole state ticket.

To check the registration, which ends Saturday in New York City and upstate, Justice William H. Murray ordered adjournment of the case until Oct. 16 at 2 p.m.

The trial resumed yesterday after two weeks delay when the Appellate Court granted a Communist Party appeal cancelling earlier proceedings in Troy.

Sol Rubinstein of Albany, O'Connell machine attorney who is among the counsel for Spencer Young, Democratic nominee for State Comptroller, in whose name the suit against the Communists was filed, submitted affidavits allegedly bearing repudiations of signers of the Communist petition in three counties.

COUNTIES ATTACKED

The counties attacked were Saratoga, Rensselaer and Schoharie. Only a small proportion of the signers in Schoharie and Rensselaer counties were involved in the affidavits.

The procedure of submitting affidavits was in contrast to the parade of witnesses which featured the opening of the trial in Troy two weeks ago and similar trials in 1940 and 1942.

Defense counsel objected to introduction of the affidavits on the grounds that direct oral testimony is required. Affidavits cannot be cross-examined, the attorneys for the Communist Party argued.

Motions made by Attorneys Joseph



BIG BLOW BLOWS OUT: The arrow shows the path of the hurricane, of record intensity, which moved up and across Florida to peter out off Georgia. It didn't do the damage expected from advanced reports, fortunately.

R. Brodsky and Paul J. Kern for a "Bill of Particulars" on the charges against the Communist petitions and on confining the suit solely to the Comptrollership were denied by Justice Murray.

The latter motion was based on the contention that Spencer Young, who brought the suit as an "aggrieved candidate," can be "aggrieved" only in relation to the office for which he is running.

GRANTS MOTION

Justice Murray did, however, grant

a motion made by Kern separating the Communist proceeding from that of three other independent parties named in the Young complaint.

Albany political leaders at the trial were visibly impressed by an advertisement in the local Knickerbocker News by the Civil Rights Congress attacking the assault on the rights of minority parties and signed by 60 outstanding civic and labor leaders.

The protest movement continues to mount, and local Democratic leaders appear to be shaken by it. Wider protest action may well affect the outcome.

Citing names, places and dates, S. W. Gerson, Communist campaign manager, last night charged over radio station WYG that a "conspiracy" existed to drive the Communist Party from the ballot as the first step in a move to block independent political expression by New York voters. He named Louis Cohen, secretary of the Flynn Democratic machine in the Bronx, as a leader in the plot.

Persons who had signed Communist nominating petitions in Rensselaer County were intimidated by local officials in the city of Rensselaer, Gordon asserted. He named as involved James Milles, corporation counsel; City Court Judge Laverne Lewis, City Treasurer and Relief Administrator Edward Scheibly, Sanitation Department Foreman Marty Bernard. All are part of the Rensselaer city administration.

Deck Officers Seek East Coast Pact; Maritime Commission Renege Hit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Representatives of the AFL's Masters, Mates and Pilots agreed to split their forces and negotiate a separate agreement with the eastern shipowners. But Capt. Harry Martin, the union's president, said the eastern AFL ship officers will not return to work, even though under agreement, until the CIO's Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. also concludes a contract.

Capt. C. F. May, west coast representative of the MMP, said he gave leave to Martin to reach a pact for the eastern men but he is going back to west coast to seek direct negotiations with the operators there. He also expressed the belief that his group faces a long fight.

The MEBA meanwhile held out for a nationwide agreement and stuck to its reciprocal agreement with the West Coast International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union led by Harry Bridges providing for return to work only when both CIO unions have a satisfactory agreement.

East Coast shipowners are believed ready to sign with the MEBA but the west coast shipowners continue to balk.

The hitch was over union security provisions. The U. S. Maritime Commission was ready to instruct all operators of its ships to apply an agreed-upon security formula for both the CIO and AFL licensed employees. But a threat by ship operators to return the ships to the government caused the commission to renege.

The New York CIO Council yesterday wired President Truman

urging that he "direct the U. S. Maritime Commission to abide by its agreement with the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association."

"As owner of 80 percent of the merchant fleet the government has a primary obligation to meet the just demands of the licensed personnel in the maritime industry," the wire said. The council warned that unless the President acts immediately an "extended tieup which would throttle economic life of all coast and inland port cities" would result.

Stepinac Verdict Due Friday

The mass trial in Zagreb of Archbishop Aloisius Stepinac and 15 priests, monks and other accused fascists ended yesterday. Verdicts and sentences will be pronounced Friday morning.

Stepinac said his "conscience is clear," but the best defense counsel could do in the final plea was to say: "Millions . . . were working for the occupiers. How can something be said against Stepinac, who was forced to do the same thing?"

Labor Dep't Bars Movie Union Aid

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Locked-out Hollywood film workers will get no help from the Labor Department in the bitter fight to save their jobs and end police violence. A Department spokesman said today the issue is in the hands of AFL, which is convening this week in Chicago.

Collins Urges All Negroes to Register

Charles A. Collins, candidate for State Senator on the American Labor Party and People's Rights Party tickets, yesterday urged a record registration as a step toward the "achievement of a full happy life." Collins, who is state vice-chairman of the ALP, said: "Every Negro has a deep desire and need for peace, decent jobs, security and an end to discrimination. These can only be achieved when honest and progressive candidates are elected."

While there has been a general Manhattan increase of 35 percent over last year's registration figures, the 11th A.D. increase is only 12 percent. This is a predominantly Negro area, and is the crucial district in the fight to elect Collins

Don't Delay, Register Today!

REGISTRATION DAYS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

HOURS: From 5 p. m. to 10:30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; from 7 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. on Saturday.

WHERE: In the polling place in your own election district. In most cases, it is the same place from which you voted in the past.

WHO REGISTERS: Any citizen who is 21 or over and who will have lived in the state for one year, in the city for four months and in the election district 30 days on Election Day, Nov. 5. Makes no difference whether you have ever voted before, or if you are out of the Army more than a year.

WHAT IS ENROLLMENT: Anyone who registers may or may not enroll in either the Republican, the Democratic or American Labor parties. A strong ALP enrollment will increase labor's political influence and strength.

YOU CAN'T VOTE IF YOU DON'T REGISTER.

AFL Parley Hears War-Inciting General

By Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Addressing the 65th AFL convention here, Gen. Carl Spaatz, Army Air Force commander, declared there is no time to lose in preparing for another war.

Spaatz painted a picture of a threatened "attack through the Arctic."

Pointing to a map, distributed to the delegates by his public relations officer, Spaatz showed that "across the Arctic, the industrial areas of Europe, Asia and America are within range of each other with airplanes now in operation."

"Our B-36 can carry a heavy bombload 5,000 miles and return to base," he boasted.

In the name of defense from some mythical foe, the general proposed maintaining a powerful air force, "an expandable aviation industry" and "a strong civil war transport system."

The convention also heard a message today from President Truman, which was received rather coldly.

"Our most compelling need is full, sustained production," the President's message read. "This goal precludes the payment of substandard wages, just as it precludes inflationary prices which eat away real purchasing power."

Other business at today's session included establishment of convention committees. Matthew Woll and John P. Fry were named chairman and secretary, respectively, of the powerful resolutions committee.

The convention also voted unanimous consent to the introduction of additional resolutions from unions whose convention were held in the past 30 days. Included among these resolutions was one from the Illinois Federation of Labor on political action and another from the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators dealing with the Franco dictatorship in Spain.

ALP Garment Center Rallies Today, Tom'w

The American Labor Party's Ladies Garment Center will hold a lunch-hour rally on registration at 38 Street and Eighth Avenue today (Wednesday). Councilman Eugene Connolly will address a membership meeting at 6:30 tonight at Manhattan Center, and another noon-hour rally will be held at 36 Street and Seventh Avenue tomorrow, the ALP said.

Red-Baiting Exposed at Shoe Parley

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 8.—A round-by-round exposure of red-baiting as a smokescreen to hold up organizing the unorganized received a rousing ovation at today's session of the CIO shoe workers convention.

Vice-president Julius Crane of Chicago revealed how the renegade Frank McGrath, removed yesterday as president, and castigated by Allan Haywood as a "quitter," had blocked organizing shoe workers in the outlying districts, while Chicago workers made big advances.

"Red-baiting has to stop," Crane said, and the convention burst into applause.

Vice-president Isidore Rosenberg of New York likewise compared New York, practically 100 percent organized, with districts where McGrath had refused organizing assistance on the grounds of "communism."

Rosenberg also was applauded when he told the convention the New York shoe workers were sending representatives with \$25,000 they had raised to help the victims of fascism in Poland and Italy.

Reject China Truce as Phony

Chinese Communists yesterday rejected the American proposal for a 10-day civil war truce on grounds it appeared to be a "strategic move" of the Kuomintang.

Unless Kuomintang troops are withdrawn to the positions they held before the summer offensive, the Communists suspect that the time limit truce will simply give Chiang's forces a chance to reorganize, after suffering setbacks in the attack on Communist-liberated Kalgan.